Loan to SCs/STs for self-employment

3720. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the SC and ST unemployed graduates are given loan by banks for their self-employment; and

(b) if so, the number of SC/ST unemployed youths given bank loan for self-employment during the last three years, State-wise and bank-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) and (b) the SC/ST unemployed youths including graduates are given bank loans for their self-employment under Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana (PMRY). RBI do not generate separate data for loans to SC/ST graduates. However, the State-wise/bank-wise number of SC/ST unemployed youths who have been sanctioned/disbursed bank loans for self-employment during the last three years i.e., 1999-2000, 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 under PMRY is given in Annexures [*See* Appendix 195, Annexure No. 39 and Annexure No. 40]

Recapitalisation of Regional Rural Banks

3721. SHRI C.O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to recapitalise 36 Regional Rural Banks during the Tenth Plan by utilising Rs. 550 crore; and

(b) if so, details of the 36 RRBs selected for the recapitalisation process alongwith the proposed increase in share capital?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) and (b) The recapitalisation process of Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) was initiated in 1994-95. Till March, 2000, 187 RRBs have been provided recapitalisation support. Of these 187 RRBs, 158 RRBs stand fully